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SUBJECT: SECOND SESSION LOS CONFERENCE

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1. APRIL 26 CHARGE CALLED ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GUERREIRO (WHO IS ALSO TOP ITAMARATY LOS OFFICER) TO URGE GOB SUPPORT FOR LOS SUMMER SESSION. TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL AND IN SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 STATEMENT WERE STRESSED.
2. GUERREIRO BEGAN BY STATING THAT BRAZIL WOULD "INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION" TO SUMMER SESSION PROPOSAL. WHILE EXPRESSING LITTLE ENTHUSIASM, HE SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK SLIGHTLY MORE POSITIVE STANCE, STATING BRAZIL'S POSITION WOULD BE ONE OF ABSTENTION OR POSSIBLY SUPPORT, DEPENDING ON CONSENSUS OF LA COUNTRIES.
3. GEURREIRO SAID SUMMER SESSION WOULD POSE PROBLEMS FOR GOB AND MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SINCE (1) IT WOULD REQUIRE PROLONGING THE DETAIL TO LOS WORK OF TO OFFICIALS NEEDED ELSEWHERE AND (2) IT WOULD GIVE THESE COUNTRIES LITTLE TIME TO "DIGEST" THE NEW YORK SESSION RESULTS BEFORE MOVING ON. IN ADDITION GERREIRO MENTIONED WORKLOAD PROBLEM FOR SECRETARIAT IF IT HAS TO ARRANGE ANOTHER GENEVA MEETING THIS SUMMER (HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT SECRETARIAT HAD INFORMED HIM IN NEW YORK RECENTLY THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO STAGE JULY 25 - SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING IN GENEVA). DESPITE THESE HEADACHES, GUERREIRO PREDICTED MAJORITY WOULD GO ALONG WITH SUMMER SESSION PROPOSAL.
4. GUERREIRO VOLUNTEERED THAT IN HIS VIEW SUMMER SESSION UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED IN RESOLVING IMPORTANT REMAINING LOS DIFFERENCES. HE SAID BRAZIL CONTINUES

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FORMALLY TO SUPPORT PACKAGE CONCEPT, BUT EXPRESSED
 PERSONAL OPINION THAT ONLY WAY TO BRING CONCRETE
 LOS RESULT THIS YEAR WOULD BE TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT
 ON DEEP SEABEDS AND LEAVE MOST CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS
 (E.G. THOSE CONNECTED WITH NATIONAL JURISDICTION)
 ASIDE FOR LATER CONSIDERATION. CHARGE ARGUED IN
 RESPONSE THAT PRESENT IMPETUS FOR OVERALL SOLUTION
 WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY WEAKENED IF DELEGATIONS WERE TO
 FOCUS NOW ON REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT ON ISSUES
 MOST EASILY RESOLVED, SETTING TOUGH ONES ASIDE.
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